

THIS WEEK AT

# DALBY BAPTIST

26 April 2020

## PASTOR'S BLOG

Greetings to my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope and pray that you are well and managing okay during this challenging season. One of the great benefits of these Coronavirus restrictions is that life has changed, and whatever rut we may have been in (concerning our work life, or home life, or spiritual/church life, or whatever), we're not in that rut now. We have been gifted a wonderful opportunity to change things up—for the better—going forward. So, what changes have you made? We've all had changes 'forced' on us, but it's far more encouraging to be pro-active and make the necessary changes in our life ourselves.

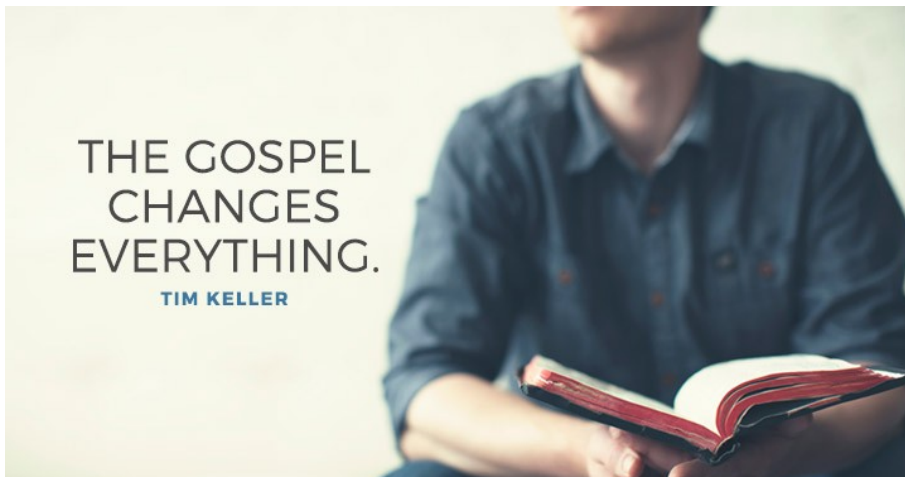
In a season of chronic sickness and disease (COVID-19), we can make adjustments that will bring wellness, strength and vitality into our *personal lives*—benefitting body, soul and spirit—as well as into our *corporate lives*—affecting our family, our friendships, our neighbourhood, our workplace, and our church. Change isn't just beneficial at times, but necessary. To grow is to change. This COVID-19 crisis has provided us with the chance to make the changes that for quite a while we've known we need to make ... and wanted to make ... but just couldn't get motivated enough to break the habit and make a start ... until we lost our 'routine'. Don't waste this opportunity!

Today, we're looking at how Paul shared the Good News about Jesus differently with different groups of people. While the essence of the Gospel message remained the same, Paul allowed *the context and the audience* where he was to shape *his approach and the content* of his preaching (spreading the Gospel message). Wherever Paul went, he was sensitive to his context and audience, and made wise and appropriate adjustments to his Gospel presentations accordingly. And we should too. That's the bottom line that I hope you take away from my message for you today. I hope you find it helpful.

Remember .... "God has not redeemed you to dwell in a Christian bubble; He has redeemed you to spread the Christian Gospel"—David Platt.

God bless.

**Pastor Rob**



## BIBLE READING BOOKMARKS FOR MAY

May is only around the corner! If you would like a paper hardcopy of the May–June bookmark with the daily Bible readings, please let the office know and we will get one to you.

## ANZAC DAY PRAYERS

### Prayer for Peace

Heavenly Father, as we reflect upon the brokenness of our world, we acknowledge the hurt caused to so many, and so we strive for peace. Help us to overcome the barriers that divide people and nations one from another. Bless every effort being made to bring peace and understanding to the world. We pray that all conflicts may be resolved speedily so that justice and peace may prevail, and we your children would help to bring about peace, wherever we have influence.

### Prayer for those who suffer because of War

God who hears our prayers, we pray for those who suffer through war. Through the loss of life, homes, injuries, broken relationships or faculties. We pray for those whose hearts are still bitter or full of pain. We pray for those who find it difficult to forgive. Comfort their hearts, uphold their faith and grant them Jesus' peace.

### Prayer for the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

Lord we thank you for those who have served and continue to serve in the ADF. We ask that you would keep them safe from danger, keep them in good relationship with their families, give them wisdom in their service, and draw them to you. Teach us we pray, to stand with those who serve Australia in this unique way.

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## NOTHING IS USELESS // Devotion from Our Daily Bread

*Nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. –1 Corinthians 15:58 NLT*

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:42-58

In my third year battling discouragement and depression caused by limited mobility and chronic pain, I confided to a friend, "My body's falling apart. I feel like I have nothing of value to offer God or anyone else."

Her hand rested on mine. "Would you say it doesn't make a difference when I greet you with a smile or listen to you? Would you tell me it's worthless when I pray for you or offer a kind word?"

I settled into my recliner. "Of course not."

She frowned. "Then why are you telling yourself those lies? You do all those things for me and for others."

I thanked God for reminding me that nothing we do for Him is useless.

In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul assures us that our bodies may be weak now but they will be "raised in power" (v. 43). Because God promises we'll be resurrected through Christ, we can trust Him to use every offering, every small effort done for Him, to make a difference in His kingdom (v. 58).

Even when we're physically limited, a smile, a word of encouragement, a prayer, or a display of faith during our trial can be used to minister to the diverse and interdependent body of Christ. When we serve the Lord, no job or act of love is too menial to matter.

By Xochitl Dixon | <https://odb.org/2017/06/12/nothing-is-useless/>

## PRAYER POINTS

**If you know of anyone who is sick or entering hospital, please let the Church Office know.**

- Pray for the parents who are supervising their children's schooling at home. May God bring them peace through the chaos, and give them encouragement.
- Pray for the teachers who are trying to facilitate learning for students both at home, and at school.
- Pray for the Brookes family, as there was a medical emergency this week in the family. Pray for safe travels, and swift healing.

If you would like to join the DBC Prayer Ministry, please contact one of the pastors.

## PRAISE POINTS

- Sheryl Sims' surgery went well and she is recovering at home.
- Give thanks that we have been relatively isolated from the coronavirus so far.



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